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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, DR

SUBJECT: PRD LEADER PENA GOMEZ: CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

REF: (A) SANTO DOMINGO 889; (B) STATE 40232

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED A CALL FROM JOHN SALZBERG OF REPRESENTATIVE DONALD FRASER'S OFFICE EXPRESSING CONCERN ON PENA GOMEZ CASE AND INQUIRING WHETHER EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PENA. SALZBERG INFORMED OF BACKGROUND AND STATUS OF CASE, BASED ON EMBASSY'S REPORTS, AND TOLD EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THE SITUATION CLOSELY. WE STRESSED SLANDER CHARGES AGAINST PENA ARE APPARENTLY BEING HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DOMINICAN LEGAL PROCEDURES AND PENAL CODE. FRASER ALSO INFORMED OF REASONS EMBASSY HAS NOT MADE DIRECT CONTACT WITH PENA (REF A).

2. FRASER NONETHELESS EXPRESSED VIEW USG SHOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH PENA TO DEMONSTRATE INTEREST. HE ASKED WHETHER
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HEARINGS BY REP. FRASER'S SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WOULD BE HELPFUL. WE REPLIED PENA'S CASE IS SCHEDULED FOR JUDICIAL HEARING IN SANTO DOMINGO MARCH 4, AND WE SHOULD HAVE A BETTER IDEA OF HIS TREATMENT AFTER THAT. WE SAID THAT SO FAR, THERE APPEARS NO EVIDENCE OF PERSECUTION. TO THE CONTRARY, HANDLING OF CASE HAS BEEN

PRAISED IN DOMINICAN PRESS FOR ADHERENCE TO LAW, RATHER
THAN ARBITRARY ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OR MILITARY.

3. IN VIEW OF HIGH DEGREE OF CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST IN
THIS CASE, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY OFFICER MAKE
CONTACT WITH PENA TO VERIFY HIS SAFETY AND SHOW OUR
INTEREST.

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